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EXTRA EXTRA

Voting Place Will Be On Tropico Ave. At Brand Blvd.

THE COURT REFUSES TO GRANT THE INJUNCTION

Election Will Take Place Tomorrow, Tuesday, March 7th As Scheduled

Vote Early -- Vote To Incorporate -- Save the School House And Watch Tropico Grow

THE REPLY.

Attorney Burch Picks to Shreds the Annexationists' Arguments—Mr. Griswold Forcibly Arraigned.

Asked as to how he stood on the question of incorporation, a representative resident of Tropico, residing east of Brand Boulevard, makes reply that originally he had favored annexation to Glendale, for the simple reason that he believed the community needed municipal incorporation as a means of getting desirable public improvements. He was not particularly wedded to the annexation idea, and, so that the entire community of Tropico was brought under municipal government by its incorporation as a city, he did not think it wise to stickle for annexation to Glendale, especially of a fraction of its territory. Such incorporation of its territory as a whole, he believed, would accomplish all that was needful. He did not think that it was the part of good citizenship to stir up factional or sectional war in the community. If the warring elements on either side of the controversy would employ half the energy they are expending in tearing each other down to the building up of the common welfare of all as a municipal unit, they would come much nearer acting a sensible part and behaving like men of character than they are now.

In striking contrast with the position taken by this citizen is that of a resident, residing west of Brand Boulevard, who declares that he is unalterably opposed to anything short of the annexation of Tropico, or a part of it, to Glendale. That it signifies nothing to him that such annexation was turned down by a decided majority of the electors of the district. That the proposed separate and independent incorporation of Tropico should be defeated at all hazards and by any and every means that can be devised or invented, whether fair or foul. That the Eastsiders should be allowed a free hand to annex themselves to Glendale at whatever cost or disadvantage it might be to the rest of the community on the west. People who, by a majority of their numbers, had stubbornly rejected municipal association with Glendale, plainly proving their ignorance of what is best for them, had forfeited all claim to sympathy or respect for their alleged rights and privileges, and who, after finding themselves left a pitiful fragment of the community outside the pale of protection from any social or political organization or association, would come around, whining like whipped curs to be taken in by Glendale.

This may not be the exact language of the citizens to whom reference is made. We have no authority to single out by name the persons into whose mouths the language is put. But no one will have any difficulty in determining for himself whose mouths the expressions fit.

In the last issue of this paper there appears an article over the signature of D. Griswold entitled "Arguments to Show Why Tropico Should Not Become a City and Why She Should Annex (be annexed) to Glendale." It is not a production that deserves the consideration its length would seem to require.

Why the Tropico Chamber of Commerce presumes to exist, which seems to be the occasion of great perplexity and annoyance to Mr. Griswold, is best explained by quoting its purposes from its Articles of Association, to-wit:

"The purposes for which this association is formed are to encourage, promote, and secure municipal, commercial, manufacturing, transportation and other advantages, public improvements and utilities, for the Town of Tropico, and to that end to prepare and circulate literature descriptive of its location and desirability to home-seekers, artisans, laborers, manufacturers, business men and capitalists. Also, and as well, to inaugurate, propose, assist, and advance all such efforts and measures as shall seem to the members of this association most adapted to serve and secure the best interests of the people of the Town as an independent, self-reliant and self-governing community."

It will be seen from this that there is no room in the membership of the Tropico Chamber of Commerce for disruptionists, disorganizers or other neighborhood unity-disturbing undesirables. Do you see, Mr. Griswold?

As to annexation to Glendale, "the annexation movement,"—that is an old straw which has been fully threshed out and whipped to a "frazzle;" an issue that is dead and buried under the majority vote of a community of men quite as unselfish and capable of judging of what is best for the welfare of the town as Mr. Griswold or any of his accomplices in neighborhood disaffection and turmoil. Dead, and why not let it rest—stay buried and out of sight; banned from bursting its untidy cerements and imposing its ill-smelling and unsightly presence upon the people of a community who have something on their hands and demanding their attention far more useful and uplifting than that, to deal with.

Of course, if Mr. Griswold can stalk the thing to do duty in the promotion of a project that has behind it the schemes of thrifty operators in the prolific field of municipal exploitation, Mr. Griswold is not the lad to shirk the uncanny job.

But annexation to Glendale is not the question at issue now, as Mr. Griswold well knows. That issue is too sharp and well-defined to be obscured by multiplicity of words, sophistry, or falsification of any kind, or of the utmost art of construction. It is this: Shall the territory embracing the school district of Tropico be incorporated as a city of the Sixth Class?

Or as an alternative shall the town be split in two, the easterly part annexed to Glendale, and the westerly part set off to itself, robbed of its share in the property, school building and grounds, of the school district, and of any part in the management and control of the school, as the choice of teachers and the expenditure of money for its benefit through a board of trustees chosen from among its citizens and held immediately responsible to them for their acts, and left with no right except to the right of petition and the right to start anew and alone in the acquisition of other grounds for a school house and its construction, or "come around, whining like whipped curs, to be taken in by Glendale?"

The issue and the alternative have been too clearly and fully presented by the Sentinel to justify further elaboration in this connection.

All that remains of Mr. Griswold's splenetic screed for notice here is his unaccountable attack on the gentlemen proposed for the offices of the new municipal incorporation to be filled at the time of the incorporation election by its electors, and his charges against them of sinister motives in accepting the candidacy for such offices.

John A. Logan and his motives are especially assailed. Mr. Griswold and the people of this community know that the town of Tropico is more indebted to John A. Logan, young as he is, for its upbuilding and business prosperity, than any other man, not excepting Mr. G.

John Hobbs is guilty of the offense of being a trusted and most efficient subordinate in the office of the County Assessor.

C. C. Rittenhouse has the temerity to be a capable and experienced architect.

E. W. Richardson has the impudence to be associated with his brothers in the ownership of a wide area of vacant land in the City of Los Angeles and adjacent to Tropico, and of course is deeply interested in the growth, progress and prosperity of the town and community, a good ground in Mr. Griswold's estimation for the impeachment of his integrity and fitness for the office of Town Trustee.

Then comes C. A. Bancroft. He, too, is tainted with the same trouble that brings Mr. Richardson under the dire displeasure of the grouchy Griswold.

The gray hairs of Daniel Webster have served to save him from an infliction of a similar vitriolic dose, though he also is guilty with the rest of the outrage of being one of the most solid, substantial and high-minded men of the community.

It may have a pacifying effect on Mr. Griswold's shattered nerves over this matter to be informed that a gentleman known to be intimately associated in a business way with one of the leaders of his bunch of buckers, is culpable for a leading part in the selection of these candidates.

But, pshaw. Mr. Griswold may grouch and growl until he is as gray as Mr. Webster, without in the least shaking the confidence of the people of the town of Tropico in the men they will elect to fill the executive and legislative offices of the city, or moving them from the firm stand they have taken for duty and justice to the people of the entire community as well as honor to themselves, to vote solidly for the incorporation of the town and school district of Tropico as a City of the Sixth Class.

Ta, ta, Griswold, go to, go to.

(Signed) N. C. BURCH.

HOW MR. RITTENHOUSE STANDS.

What will we do if we incorporate? If the people on any street want it improved, let them petition according to law and I am in favor of the improvement. As to street lights, nothing is more essential and more in the line of progression. Just as soon as possible to ascertain the best and most economical way of lighting them, and funds can be provided for the same I certainly will give the matter my fullest support. In all matters of improvement necessary to make Tropico an up-to-date little city, count me in.

Don't see how any one can have the least doubt as to the sincerity of those who have taken an active part against Glendale annexation and now favor incorporation of our own little community, especially that we may ourselves do something. Make our own improvements—and if invited, be prepared to have some say in the matter if we want to, in the future, consolidate with Glendale or the City. A long pull—a strong pull. Let every body boost.

(Signed) C. C. RITTENHOUSE.

PROPOSED BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TROPICO MAKE A STATEMENT.

Some one who is trying to make himself think he is opposed to incorporation has been circulating reports that we, the undersigned, if elected Trustees of the City of Tropico, do not intend to make any improvements, and that if they could just annex that strip to Glendale they would get electric lights, Glendale would improve all their streets and give them everything they wanted and some more. That sounds good, but listen! We desire to contradict a portion of this report, at least so far as it affects our proposed actions.

If elected we believe these improvements can be obtained as well and as cheaply as by dividing our community and annexing a portion of it to Glendale. The improvement of our streets and sidewalks rests largely with the property owners, and they will receive our hearty co-operation in all improvements of that nature.

The lighting of our houses and streets is one of our immediate necessities, and will receive proper attention as soon as possible. It would be entirely out of place for us to pledge ourselves to do everything that everybody would like done. We recognize the fact that, if elected, we will be elected as the servants of the people and not the bosses. And we will endeavor to conduct the affairs of the city for the best interests of all its citizens. Respectfully,

JOHN HOBBS,
C. A. BANCROFT,
E. W. RICHARDSON,
DANIEL WEBSTER.
C. C. RITTENHOUSE.

SURPRISING SURRENDER.

"Prince Hal" Proposes an Armistice. Emphatic But Courteous "No" Is Returned.

The people of Tropico held an enthusiastic meeting in favor of incorporation as a City at Logan's Hall Saturday evening.

The attendance was large, with here and there a representative of the opposition, chief of whom was Hal Davenport, who has been accorded the sobriquet of "Prince Hal" in recognition of his leadership of the hostiles.

The meeting was presided over by Frank Davis, President of the Tropico Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Incorporation Campaign Committee, and was addressed by Judge Shuey, C. C. Rittenhouse, John Hobbs, Daniel Webster, C. K. Carmack, Elder M. M. Eshelman and Hon. Fred Baker.

The speakers were introduced by the chair with a few prefatory remarks in a happy vein of appropriate commendation. Their remarks were brief and to the point. The folly of factional fighting among neighbors and fellows of the community, and the wisdom of harmonious, united and concentrated action in the interest of all its people was the theme of all that was said, with only one interruption attempted by an inconspicuous stranger. The idea of splitting the town in two and dividing its people into hostile camps, one set off to itself and left without municipal or school district organization, the other annexed to Glendale, and both in a constant fighting humor, was held up as essentially abhorrent to the feelings of every just and high-minded citizen. In this connection one of the speakers alluded to the cat-and-dog fashion of the Glendale way of doing things as an example studiously to be avoided. The same venerable speaker adverted to the inability of the people of the two communities of Glendale and Tropico to ever get along together any better than the two sides of Glendale are now. Repeatedly and for years the people of Glendale had been irritatingly picking upon the community and school district of Tropico, to build herself up at their expense, and and it could not be expected of old residents of Tropico, however it might be with new-comers, whom all were glad to welcome, to look with complacency on annexation to Glendale.

With the conclusion of the speaking and as the meeting was about to close, which had been more in the nature of a community love feast than otherwise, the climax came when H. H. Davenport, (Prince Hal) arose and asked to be heard. His request was graciously accorded him by the chair and genially introduced to the assembly as Prince Hal Davenport.

"I propose that the incorporation election be caled off and that matters be permitted to remain as they are until the first of December, and that in the meantime let us see if we cannot get together on these matters," said Mr. Davenport, and he resumed his seat.

The proposition was promptly met by the chair with the ruling that it was of a kind impossible to entertain at this time or by this meeting. It had come to late. The hour of repentance had been postponed until the opportunity for the rescue of the opposition from their perilous position was passed.

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THE CLOSING APPEAL.

Let the electors of Tropico counting themselves the friends of the people of the community as an undivided whole, enlisted as co-workers for the common good of all, rally to the polls in force on the appointed day, and with the potent weapon of a freeman's ballot, give emphatic expression to their resentment of interference by any one mere man with their lawful right to adopt such measures for their self-government as in their judgment is meet and proper, with no overlord other than the majesty of the law.

The enemies of the incorporation of our beautiful and progressive town, with its population of twelve hundred people, are on the run; they have resorted to their last trick; they have played their last card in a desperate game of bluff; they confess the weakness of their cause, and that their game is lost.

It is now only a question of majority.

Vote, everybody, for INCORPORATION.

THE SECRET'S OUT.

It transpires that Hal Davenport and his band of operators against the incorporation of the town of Tropico are only the tools of the founder and former owner of Forest Lawn Cemetery, who for some unaccountable reason has become conceived of an intense hatred of a number of the prominent people of the town, and is including in his vindictiveness against them the entire membership of the community. It is he who has employed the attorney for Mr. Davenport to fight the town's incorporation and is putting up the money to meet the anti-incorporation campaign expenses, threatening, if the measure carries, to spend unlimited thousands to defeat it. At least the leaders of the anti's make no bones of boast-Now, electors of Tropico, what do you think of that? Are you of the stuff to be either frightened or bought by any boasting bluffer.?

The latest from the camp of the enemy of the incorporation is a Sunday edition of D. Griswold's screed in last week's Sentinel charging the proposed officers of the city of Tropico with accepting their candidacies from sinister motives—the last gasp of the defenders of a lost cause; it was amusing to some, but served generally for only one indecent purpose.

VOTE FOR INCORPORATION.

Electors of Tropico: It is sincerely believed that you may be depended upon to go to the polls on Tuesday next and

Vote for incorporation and to retain the ownership and control of this school building in the hands of this community and of those who have given of their means to erect it.

Vote for incorporation and to keep in your own hands the exclusive power to elect a board for the management and care of your school affairs.

Vote for incorporation and to hold on to the power to elect a home board of directors, each and every one of whom may be relied upon for fidelity to his trust to preserve the integrity of the district and the security of its property in the ownership and control of the community.

Vote for incorporation and to keep at home the power to choose the teachers of the children of the community.

Vote for incorporation and to keep at home and under the immediate supervision of the home-holders of the community, the guardianship of their school interests.

Vote for incorporation and against making "outsiders" of a goodly proportion of the community, with no right left them save the right of petition; or go and provide themselves with a school building elsewhere.

Vote for incorporation and against standing in with a faction of the minority who seek to punish the majority side of the district against annexation to Glendale by robbing it of its community interests in the public school of the district and forcing them into the humiliating position of OUTSIDERS.

Do you doubt the sincerity of purpose and the loyalty and ability of such men as John A. Logan, John Hobbs, C. C. Rittenhouse, E. W. Richardson, C. A. Bancroft, and all the men who are identified with the incorporation movement? Do you believe they have selfish reasons at stake and are simply figuring on some personal gain or the landing of some city job if incorporation carries? Do you believe the villifications and accusations that have been circulated against them? They have been your neighbors for years. You ought to know them.

PROPOSED TICKET OF CITY OFFICERS.

What more representative body of men could have been chosen as nominees for city officers?

These men are all sound, solid, substantial and successful men of business and men who are old residents of Tropico—who have property interests here, and who therefore pay taxes in large amount.

These men all favor and are working hard for the incorporation of this city.

They are not men who would jump at conclusions. They believe that incorporation is the thing and have reached that conclusion after weighing and discussing and investigating all features of the matter.

These men are proposed by the Chamber of Commerce for the Board of Trustees and city officers, if the vote for incorporation carries:

For Trustees:
C. A. BANCROFT,
JOHN HOBBS,
C. C. RITTENHOUSE,
E. W. RICHARDSON,
DANIEL WEBSTER.
For Treasurer:
JOHN A LOGAN.
For City Clerk:
S. M. STREET.
For City Marshal,
JAMES L. FISHBACK.

THAT THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING.

Inasmuch as there has been some misunderstanding as to our attitude on the question of the incorporation of Tropico as a city of the sixth class, we beg to assure its electors that we are heartily in favor of such incorporation, and of the active and energetic concentration of the efforts of all concerned in the upbuilding, improvement and beautifying of each and every part of the territory it is proposed to incorporate. We pledge ourselves to the doing of our part in the matter to the best of our ability.

Very Respectfully,
RICHARDSON BROS.,
By E. W. Richardson.

One Wm. C. Wattles has a communication in the Glendale News of last week on the subject of the incorporation of the town and school district of Tropico which contains certain false representations purposely designed to deceive the electors of the district and lead them to the relief of himself and a few others of a bunch of soreheads with axes to grind, from responsibility for the precipitation of the incorporation movement. Mr. Wattles knows—or if he don't know, his ignorance of the fact is inexcusable—that there was no crystallized thought of the incorporation movement on the part of the electors of the district who are for it now, heart and soul, before it became unmistakably apparent that he and his coconspirators were about to lay their violent and unscrupulous hands on the property of the Tropico school district, including its grammar school, building and grounds, with the avowed purpose of turning it all over bodily into the greedy grasp of Glendale, splitting the district in two on a line paralleling Brand Boulevard one hundred and fifty feet west thereof, and setting the people of the west side of that line off to themselves and outside the district and their present rights, there to remain until they should come, "like whipped curs, whining back, to be taken in by Glendale, too." The assertion that Mark Keppel justifies such an outrage is false. His letter points out the result from the consummation of the schemes of Mr. Wattles and his bunch of disruptionists exactly as we have stated it. Mr. Keppel does not state that the success of these fellows in their plotting would cut the westsiders off from all opportunity of obtaining school benefits, but he does say they would have to obtain them, as OUTSIDERS from sources that chance may provide. All that remains, then, is for the electors of the town and school district of Tropico to stand up and be counted. Those of them who choose to follow the lead of Wattles and the gang of would-be bosses will arrange themselves under their banner, and vote against incorporation, while those of them who choose to deal justly and honorably with their fellow citizens of both sides of the community these schemers seek to divide into hostile camps will go to the polls and vote solidly for the incorporation of the town and school district of Tropico in their integrity.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS.

Terse Sentence Sentiments by Various Citizens On the Uppermost Topic.

"My advice to every voter is to incorporate Tropico."
D. JENSON.

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"I shall be on hand early to vote for incorporation. It means progress."
R. F. BANCROFT.

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"The School House belongs to Tropico. I shall vote to keep it."
J. R. MAXWELL.

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"This attempt to stop the election by law plainly shows they have neither votes nor merit. I shall vote vote for incorporation."
A. W. PAINE.

* * *

"A few men must not be allowed to stop the will of the people. Just let this matter come to a vote and Tropico will win."
W. H. BERTEAUX.

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"Quote me as favoring incorporation. I think it the best for the community."
A. T. MEHLE.

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"Put me down for incorporation."
F. A. COLLINS.

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"Incorporate and watch us grow."
C. A. BANCROFT.

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"Let's vote incorporation for Tropico and elect the splendid ticket proposed, and then just watch us grow."
FRANK KELLOGG.

* * *

"I am satisfied that a large majority of the people of Tropico desire incorporation, so let's all vote that way."
J. L. FISHBACK.

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"We can manage our own affairs better than Glendale can. So I shall vote for incorporation.
S. H. PAGE.

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"Tropico for me every time. I want the school house for the children."
J. E. SHUEY.

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"This attempted hold-up on the part of a few sore politicians is too much for me. I shall vote to incorporate."
T. O. SNYDER.

"We will be found fighting for incorporation until the last minute."
H. D. ROBERSON.

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"I desire to place my confidence in such men as the proposed board of trustees."
JOSEPH McFEETERS.

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"I shall be on hand early to vote for incorporation on Tuesday morning, March 7, 1911.
J. A. LIGHT.

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"I am for incorporation because I believe it means progress and I firmly believe that the gent'emen proposed for city trustees will work for the best interest of all the people of Tropico.
E. L. YOUNG.

* * *

Judge Melrose is an incorporationist, good and strong.

Mr. Jennings, the blacksmith expressed himself as strongly in favor of incorporation.

Wesley Bullis does not at all favor annexation to Glendale.

MR. COOK HAS RIGHT SPIRIT.

I believe in independence, so will boost for incorporation, thus keeping Tropico and the school intact and under our own control.

We need many improvements, among them the improvement and opening of Brand Boulevard. The quickest, best and cheapest way to do this will be to incorporate. The five trustees indorsed by the Chamber of Commerce are all men who believe in improvement, advancement and the general welfare of Tropico. It will be up to the property owners when desiring improvements to make a petition in accordance with the city ordinances. The work will then be started as soon as possible.

If the people of Tropico will get busy and keep the Board of Trustees busy, in a very short while Tropico will be the garden spot of Southern California.

Boost for Tropico and vote for incorporation.

(Signed) MORRIS M. COOK.

QUERY.

Editor Sentinel: D. Griswold asks what the incorporated town of Tropico will do about the water problem. Is it expected by him that anything more will be done than the people of the town are now doing in getting their water supply from Verdugo Canyon? Is there anything he wants for himself in that line he has not already got? Very sincerely,
TRUTHSEEKER.

If an enemy should attack our homes we would fight with sword and musket. Our school is attacked and would be taken from us. Will we submit when the casting of our votes will save it to us.

It is to be regretted that personalities have entered into the fight on incorporation, but we all know our board of trustees to be men of the highest standing, honorable business men all, so any shots of villification have fallen far short.

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We look to see the Los Angeles Interurban Electric Railway and Tropico Avenue, through the Richardson ranch, lined on either side with lovely, artistic homes in the very near future, following the incorporation of Tropico as a city.

THE BONE OF CONTENTION.

[Courtesy Lawrence B. Burck Co.]

Shall We Keep The Control of This, the Fount of Our Children's Knowledge, Or Shall We Surrender That Control to Glendale Board of Trustees.

The above engraving is a fair picture of the Tropico Grammar School building, the property and pride of the Tropico School District.

A few annexation-mad men are pushing the division and disruption of the district, and the investment of the ownership and control of the buildind and grounds, together with the power to elect the corps of teachers, in the school board of Glendale, through annexation to that city.

As a means of heading off so grievous a wrong to the larger part of the community, the incorporation of the district as a city of the sixth class is proposed.

We may justly and pardonably be proud of our school which has in the past few years grown not only in size, but has reached such a high standard of excellence as to be classed as one of the best schools of Los Angeles county.

This growth was made possible by the residents of Tropico, when they responded to a call for money and voted $17,000 bonds with which they erected the present beautiful building early in 1906.

At the time of its completion only four class rooms were used, as there were but about one hundred and fifty pupils enrolled, but before the year ended another room had to be fitted up and another teacher was employed. The following year another teacher was required and this year still another was necessary. All of the class rooms having been used the auditorium was divided into class rooms, only one of which is unused.

At the beginning of school in September two hundred and thirty five pupils were enrolled, but the number has increased until there are now two hundred and seventy, with new ones coming in every week.

In addition to fitting up a classroom this year a fine sloyd room was added and furnished with twenty work benches, thoroughly equipped with the best of all kinds of tools for all kinds of wood work. This department is in charge of a competent instructor, Mrs. J. T. Anderson, who also supervises music and drawing.

While the boys are at work in the sloyd room the girls are being taught the useful art of sewing in their respective rooms by Miss Cornwell and Mrs. McClure. It is expected that cookery will be introduced as soon as practicable.

The school grounds, well shaded by beautiful trees, are well kept and are provided with sufficient apparatus to keep every one busy and happy. The new sand beds recently put in by the Parent Teacher's Association, are a never-ending source of delight to the little folks. If the school could obtain the corner now owned by the Pacific Electric R. R. Co.mpany and on which they have switch tracks, etc., the grounds would be ideal and would give room enough for agricultural gardens, an experiment now being tried in many of the California schools.

The present high attainment of the school is no doubt due in a large measure to the hearty support and cooperation of the trustees, both past and present, the members of which are now B. W. Richardson, F. C. Richardson and D. Griswold.

Mrs. Martha McClure, principal, is ably assited by the following corps of efficient teachers: Helen Ingraham, Fred Borthick, Gertrude Bond, Ira Hunter Litta Hibben and May Cornwell.

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The legal and proper steps to hold an election for the incorporation of the town of Tropico had been taken and that election must go on until the old town stood forth in its pride and power as an independent incorporated City.

The ruling of the chair was greeted by the audience with unstinted applause and expressions of approval.

Coming from the same gentleman who a few days since applied to Judge Conrey of the Superior Court for an order to restrain the election officers from proceeding with the election, which was refused, the proposition of Mr. Davenport was regarded with decidedly mixed views as to its meaning and the motives behind it. By some it was looked upon as an open and unequivocal acknowledgment of defeat, auspicious of the restoration of peace and harmony in the council of that community. They were unwilling to believe it possible that Hal. Davenport, who, with all his stubborn andbelligerent propensities, is regarded in a way as "the prince of good-fellows," would deliberately lower his flag, in the face of the enemy in bad faith for no other purpose than to gain an undue and mean advantage. Others refused to believe the spectacular proceeding to be other than a ruse to entrap the unwary into staying at home on election day under the delusion that the fight of the opposition is off. The latter is the view of the majority and they will be beguiled into no relaxation of their efforts to carry the day for the incorporation of the town as a City by an overwhelming majority. They are of the opinion that a man who would resort to as desperate means as Mr. Davenport has resorted to, to defeat the excercise of the high privilege of the electors of the community in voting upon a proposition that so vitally concerns them as this does, would resort to almost any other unworthy measure to compass his ends and will bear watching. But we shall see. If it turns out that Mr. Davenport is making his apparent overture for peace and unity, in good faith, he will have done much to redeem his reputation and restore himself to good standing in the community. At all events the incorporation of the town of Tropico is an assured fact.

HOT SHOTS FROM THE INCORPORATIONISTS' CAMP.

Pointed Paragraphs Pertaining to the Political Situation—Submitted By Ardent Supporters.

Are the people of Tropico prepared for the humiliating confession of their inability to govern themselves?

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The true friend of his neighbor and loyal member of the community in which he lives, will ever be found shoulder to shoulder in the ranks of the faithful Home Rule and government by men who represent that just principle.

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The Glendale annexationists of Tropico, made their fight and lost. Had they graciously accepted their defeat, as many did, they would have earned respect. "The world loves a game loser." The Glendale anti-annexationists of Tropico made their fight and won. But, they have yieled their preferences to the wishes of their opponents for a municipal government and won esteem. The world admires a magnanimous winner.

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"Glendale must expand," was the hysterical exclamation of the Glendale News, a week or so ago. Well, we hope it may—within its own legitimate limits—and keep its covetous eyes off of Tropico's fair possessions. Verdugo was taken in with its incorporation at the outset. Figuratively as well as literally, why not expand itself over Verdugo, and be content. But so, in its efforts to "expand," it don't explode and make itself disagreeable to its neighbors we will not mind.

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The tactics of the head and front of the Tropico minority for annexation to Glendale are of the "stand and deliver" style, namely: To beat incorporation, get into Glendale, and force the balance to follow or remain outside the pale of a public school and without its privileges except as petitioners for them at the hands of the Glendale Board of Education. Will the good people of Tropico stand for this method of dealing with their fellows? We do not believe it.

While it seems from a count of noses that incorporation will carry by a good round majority, do not stay away from the polls. Cast your vote and thus make the vote overwhelmingly in favor of incorporation.

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THE LAW ON THE POWERS OF INCORPORATED CITIES.

The powers of the Board of Trustees of the proposed municipal incorporation of Tropico, in which the most general interest is felt, are, quoting from the statutes, as follows:

"Highways. To establish, lay out, alter, improve and repair streets, sidewalks, alleys, squares and other public highways and places within the city, and to drain, sprinkle and light the same; to remove all obstructions therefrom; to establish the grade thereof; to grade, pave, macadamize, gravel and curb the same in whole or in part, and to construct gutters, culverts, sidewalks, and crosswalks therein or on any part thereof; to establish, build and repair bridges; to cause to be set out and cultivated shade trees therein, and generally to manage and control all such highways and places.

"To establish, construct and maintain drains and sewers.

Fire Extinguishment: "To provide fire engines and all other necessary appaartus for the prevention and extinguishment of fires."

Water Supply. "To contract for supplying the city or town with water for municipal purposes, or to acquire, construct, repair, and manage pumps, aqueducts, reservoirs, or other works necessary or proper for supplying water for the use of such city or its inhabitants, or for irrigating purposes therein."

Street Railway, Telephone, Telegraph, Light, Libraries, Park. "To acquire, own, construct, maintain, and operate street railways, telephone and telegraph lines, gas and other (electric) works for light and heat, public libraries, museums, parks, and baths; and to permit, under such restrictions as they may deem proper, the laying of railroad tracks, and the running of cars drawn by horses, steam, or other (electric) power thereon, and the laying of gas and water pipes in the public streets, and to permit the construction and maintenance of telegraph and telephone lines therein."

The cost and expense of street-work must be assessed upon the lots and lands fronting thereon, each lot or portion of a lot being separately assessed for the full depth thereof in proportion to the benefits to the property to be benefited thereby.

Whenever it shall become necessary for the city or town to damage private property for the purpose of establishing, laying out, extending and widening streets or other public highways and places, etc., the trustees may cause proceedings for its condemnation and the assessment of damages to be taken.

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